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Sir,RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated April 16, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. The instant response, which is being filed within 30 days of the issuance of the Office Action, is believed to be filed within the no-fee time period for response. However, should a fee for an extension of time be necessary, please consider this authorization to charge debit account 04-1105. Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 3-7, without prejudice or disclaimer.

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